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1. LABATT MET MARCH 17 WITH MENDIZABAL OF BASQUE STV AND CONFIRMED HE WILL DEPART MADRID SUNDAY APRIL 16 (TWA FLT 903 ARRIVING KENNEDY AIRPORT NYC 1525, CONNECTING WITH BRANIFF FLT 101 AT 1715, ARRIVING DULLES AIRPORT 1824) TO COMMENCE ONE-MONTH PROGRAM APRIL 17 IN WASHINGTON.

2. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS. AS INDICATED REF A, A PRINCIPAL SEGMENT OF VISIT WILL INVOLVE CONSULTATIONS WITH AFL-CIO, AND WE UNDERSTAND IRVING BROWN (AFL-CIO EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE) HAS DISCUSSED MENDIZABAL'S AFL-CIO PROGRAM (APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK) WITH MIKE BOGGS (INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT). THIS WILL INCLUDE EXPOSURE TO AFL-CIO DEPARTMENTS HANDLING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, LABOR EDUCATION, ECONOMIC RESEARCH, AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS. IN ADDITION TO AFL-CIO PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON, MENDIZABAL SHOULD BE EXPOSED TO APPROPRIATE
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DEPARTMENT, NLRB, AND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REPRESENTATIVES. RECOMMEND VISITS TO AIFLD'S FRONT ROYAL AND GEORGE MEANY LABOR EDUCATION CENTER. MEETINGS WITH AMERICAN LABOR LEADERS WHO HAVE VISITED OR HAVE KE BOGGS (INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT). THIS WILL INCLUDE EXPOSURE TO AFL-CIO DEPARTMENTS HANDLING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, LABOR EDUCATION, ECONOMIC RESEARCH, AND

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS. IN ADDITION TO AFL-CIO PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON, MENDIZABAL SHOULD BE EXPOSED TO APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT, NLRB, AND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REPRESENTATIVES. RECOMMEND VISITS TO AIFLD'S FRONT ROYAL AND GEORGE MEANY LABOR EDUCATION CENTER. MEETINGS WITH AMERICAN LABOR LEADERS WHO HAVE VISITED OR HAVE PARTICULAR INTEREST IN SPAIN WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL, E.G. JACK OTERO (BRAC), BEN SHARMAN (IAM), GERRY O'KEEFE (RETAIL CLERKS), LEO SUSLOW (UAW), ETC. IN VIEW OF THE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE SPANISH TRADE UNION MOVEMENT, WE FURTHER SUGGEST THAT MENDIZABAL BE EXPOSED TO ORGANIZATION EFFORTS IN THAT SPHERE.

3. INASMUCH AS MOST STV AFFILIATES ARE MODEST-SIZE UNIONS, A VISIT TO A SMALL LOCAL IN THE MIDWEST WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE. HOPEFULLY, THIS COULD BE IN A REPRESENTATIVE SMALL CITY WHERE THE GRANTEE COULD STUDY UNION COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROGRAMS AND EXPERIENCE HOME HOSPITALITY. A BRIEF VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN (INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, COOPERATIVES) IS ALSO SUGGESTED TO ALLOW MENDIZABAL (AN ECONOMIST WHO STUDIED AT LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND TEACHES AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL) TO ESTABLISH SOME USEFUL UNIVERSITY CONTACTS IN HIS FIELD. A GOOD POINT OF CONTACT THERE WOULD BE DR. MORRIS WEISZ, RECENT POPULAR VOLSPKR IN SPAIN (MADRID 9354-77).

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4. TO ROUND OUT U.S. TRIP, VISIT TO SAN FRANCISCO (REGIONAL-STATE TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES AS PERCEIVED BY CALIFORNIA LABOR FEDERATION) AND NEW YORK CITY (PERHAPS ILGWU COMPLEX AND CERTAINLY UN) SHOULD BE INCLUDED. SIGHTSEEING AND CULTURAL INTERLUDES AS APPROPRIATE ARE ALSO RECOMMENDED.

5. BIO DATA: JOSE ANTONIO MENDIZABAL; BORN SEPTEMBER 22, 1947 IN AZCOITIA, GUIPUZCOA, SPAIN; SPANISH CITIZEN; PRESENT POSITION: DIRECTOR OF STV'S GABINETE TECNICO (COMBINED RESEARCH-ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT); MAILING ADDRESS: STV, CALLE REYES CATOLICOS 9, APDO. 971, SAN SEBASTIAN, SPAIN; TRAVELS: WESTERN EUROPE INCLUDING UK AND GENEVA (ILO); LANGUAGES: SPANISH, BASQUE, SOME ENGLISH. INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT MENDIZABAL WAS SECRETARY OF GUIPUZCOA EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION BEFORE JOINING STV. STABLER

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